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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits a list of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 5,189,792 issued to Otsuka et al. on March 2, 1993;
- B. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 662 375 published by the EPO on July 12, 1995;
- C. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 894 581 published by the EPO on February 3, 1999;
- D. U.S. Patent No. 5,611,145 issued to Wetzal et al. on March 18, 1997;
- E. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 366 869 published by the EPO on December 3, 2003;
- F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-250978 published by the Japanese Patent Office on October 3, 1995;
- G. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 8-318057 published by the Japanese Patent Office on December 3, 1996; and
- H. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2000-157759 published by the Japanese Patent Office on June 13, 2000.

The above-listed prior art A-E are cited in the Search Report which was completed December 18, 2003 by the European Patent Office for European Patent Application No. EP 03 25 5833 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

In addition, prior art F and G were cited in the Office Action of December 24, 2003 by the Japanese Patent Office for Japanese patent application No. 2002-272743 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. Though these prior art are in Japanese and the English translation of each one of these prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of each one of the prior art is omitted herein.

Prior art H is not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of this prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of this prior art is attached to the copy thereof.

The fee for \$180 required by 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2) and set forth in 1.17(p) is enclosed.

In view of the above, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them.

Respectfully submitted,
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